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Liquor Fight No Surprise Says United Dry Leader CALLS FOR HONORING PEOPLES' MANDATE

By HENRY EDMONDS

The current drive to legalize liquor in spite of the overwhelming vote of the people in the 1952 referendum should come as no surprise to any thinking person in the State of Mississippi, according to Henry Edmonds, Executive Director of the United Dry Association.

"In the March 27, 1953, issue of the Jackson Daily News, under the headline 'Legal Liquor Looms as Possible Revenue Source for School' there appeared a news story which should have put us on notice of the strategy which would be employed," Edmonds states. "Any doubt remaining should have been swept away when the legislature adopted the mechanics of the equalized school program at its special session and then adjourned without making any provision for financing same."

On September 28, 1953, the United Dry Association in a letter to every Methodist and Baptist minister in the State, and later in the columns of the denominational press, directed attention to this news story as the opening gun in the fight by the liquor industry through the wet press of the State to get the Legislature to ignore the plain terms and provisions of the referendum

law and to rob the law-abiding Christian citizens of Mississippi of the fruits of victory.

The current session of the Legislature has seen the development of a deadlock on the school program as the only notable accomplishment up to this point. A number of Legislators had stated that they would introduce bills to make good on the mandate provisions of the referendum bill and that temperance forces not come to the Legislature with any program. In a desire to co-operate with that view we waited seven weeks for action, but with the exception of a bill to repeal the Black Market Tax, now bogged down in a Senate Committee, one to limit the amount of beer a person can have in a dry county, which has passed the Senate and is now bogged down in the House Temperance Committee, and a bill to prevent advertising of wine and beer, which has finally been reported out of committee in a practically unrecognized form, no such bills were forthcoming. Meanwhile, bill to completely ignore the people's mandate by the legalization of liquor in the handful of counties which voted wet have been introduced, reported out of committee and stand today on the

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100 Churches Leading In Gifts To Cooperative Program First Quarter

Following is the list of 100 churches leading in Cooperative Program contributions for the first quarter of this Convention year, Nov. 1, 1953 through Jan. 31, 1954:

1. Jackson, Calvary .. \$13,250.00	11. Meridian, 15th Ave. ... 3,940.62
2. Jackson, First 11,666.67	12. McComb, First 3,853.05
3. Gulfport, First 9,497.61	13. Pascagoula, First ... 3,431.62
4. Columbus, First 8,266.91	14. Hazlehurst, First 3,084.00
5. Grenada, First 6,623.34	15. Vicksburg, First 3,082.43
6. Brookhaven, First 6,230.53	16. Jackson, Daniel Memorial 3,000.00
7. Meridian, First 6,000.00	17. Columbia, First 2,712.14
8. Tupelo, Calvary 5,826.68	18. Laurel, First 2,652.76
9. Crystal Springs, First 4,221.27	
10. Picayune, First 3,954.33	

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What Christian Education Means To A College President Seeking Faculty

By DR. I. E. ROUSE

Practically everyone knows how exceedingly important it is to have the proper sort of teachers for any school. One of the greatest concern of any college administrator is that he secure a faculty capable enough to produce the student product desired.

When we come to the Christian college the problem increases. Not only must a faculty of high academic quality be secured, but one of outstanding Christian character and devotion to Christ be gathered into a team, qualified to produce a student product for Christian

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DR. I. E. ROUSE



DR. R. PAUL CAUDILL

Caudill To Speak At W. M. U. Meet

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, of Memphis, pastor of that city's First Church, will be one of the principal speakers when the State W. M. U. Convention gets under way in Jackson's First Church March 30th.

Dr. Caudill, long a deep student of foreign missions, who has recently returned from an extensive tour of Southern Baptist foreign mission fields, will be the principal speaker at the foreign mission session on the opening night of the convention.

Presenting Dr. Caudill will be Dr. J. H. Kyzar, pastor of First Church, Greenwood and Mississippi member of the Foreign Mission Board.

"Our Help: Our Hope" will be the theme of this year's 76th annual convention which will feature the presentation of the history of the organization.

The annual B. W. C. Federation Banquet will be held at 6:15 Tuesday and is always one of the highlights of the Convention.

Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson, state W. M. U. president, will preside.

The convention, to be attended by an expected 1500 women from every section of the state, will adjourn at noon on Thursday.

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April Calendar Of Activities

1-30—Convention - wide Christian Education Month with Special Emphasis 4-11.

4-11—Training Union Youth Week in churches.

12-May 7—District music festivals.

19-25—Jewish Fellowship Week.

23-25—State Retreat for BSU officers, Southwest Jr. College, Summit.

30-May 1—Church library - visual Aids Workshop, Jackson.

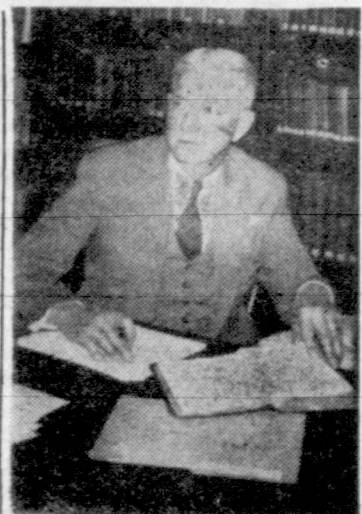
What Baptists Believe About Sanctification

By DR. CHAS. S. HENDERSON

Some years ago a young preacher asked an old minister what Baptists believed about some great doctrine. The distinguished preacher replied by saying, "What Baptists are you talking about?" I am talking about Baptists in general and Southern Baptists in particular. So far as I know Baptists in general believe what the Bible teaches about any doctrine. I shall try to state as briefly as I can what the New Testament teaches about sanctification.

The New Testament speaks of all Christians as saints-sanctified ones. They represent a group of persons who have been called out, cleansed from sin, and consecrated to the doing of the will of God. The

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BY DR. CHAS. S. HENDERSON

Associational Chairmen To Play Vital Role In Stewardship Revival

With the listing this week of all associational stewardship chairmen elected thus far this year special attention is being called to Christian Stewardship Week, Oct. 31-Nov. 7, according to Rev. Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion.

Stewardship Week was featured successfully last year in the form of a School of Stewardship while this year Stewardship Revival will be featured with alternate plans offered and suggested.

Those churches that did not participate in the School of Stewardship last Fall are urged to observe the same plan as that used last year, including the same books.

Those churches that did observe the Week last year are urged to participate this year—Oct. 31-Nov.

7—in Stewardship Revival, featuring ABC Days and including study, sermon and visitation.

Beginning immediately the associational stewardship chairmen will be asked to take the lead in enlisting all the churches in their association to commit themselves to participate Oct. 31-Nov 7 in one of the two plans.

A special issue of the Baptist Record will appear later this year listing all the committed churches by associations, carrying complete information on Stewardship Revival and carrying a picture of the chairman of every 100% association.

Stewardship Revival materials are being prepared and gathered

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Second Reminders Mailed As Security Plan Ballots Mount—

231 Necessary

With 171 cards from members and 138 cards received from churches, the second set of ballots, mailed to these who have not yet replied, went out from the Baptist Building last Friday, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

231 votes are necessary from the Plan to become effective in Missouri of a member plus the vote of the church or churches he serves.

Most of the members in the Plan are pastors while some of them are other church employees.

Those members who may not vote for the new Ministers Security Plan will remain in the present Ministers Retirement Plan.

If the new Plan is adopted how-

ever no new certificate will be issued after July 1 in the present Ministers Retirement Plan.

Applications are coming in also for the present Ministers Retirement Plan with the request that they want to join the Ministers Security Plan also.

Those contemplating joining the Ministers Security Plan later are urged to join the present Ministers Retirement Plan now and vote to join the new Plan July 1. Certain advantages will accrue to those who follow this procedure rather than wait.

Victory is now in sight and those who plan to send in their ballots are urged to mail them as soon as possible.

Those needing information, application blanks or ballots are requested to write Dr. Quarles.

What Baptists

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term is used in the main in the New Testament to describe those who have wholly surrendered their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and in so doing have been regenerated and redeemed from sin. Sanctification begins in a new birth. Being made a new creature, the Christian begins to walk in the way of the Lord which leads to the likeness of Him in whom the Lord was pleased.

Sanctification, therefore, seems to be a process that leads to a state of being. A process that begins with a new birth and leads to a state of being where one is holy unto the Lord. However, we should keep in mind that Jesus gave a meager place in His teaching to the term holiness. He never used the term when He was referring to men. He gave men the power to become the sons of God, but at no time the power to become equal to God. He simply left His disciples the ideal that men should strive to be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect and that we should pray for the will of God to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The ideal for a person is Christ-likeness, and the goal for society is the Kingdom of God among all men. The process seems to be therefore, a new beginning and a steady growth in the knowledge and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. He sets for us the goal and gives us the power to move toward the goal. He gives no solution by set rules. He offers us life to the full and the ever-abiding presence of His Spirit until we come into the

Indianola Holds Annual Awards Banquet

The First Church, Indianola, held its annual awards banquet on March 4. About 125 attended, and 220 awards and certificates were presented to them.

Mrs. J. W. Spencer was crowned "Queen Ida," because she had attended six study courses during the past year. She also received a certificate for reading her Bible every day for four years.

Frank Baker, the Sunday School Superintendent, was master of ceremonies.

D. L. Cole, the Training Union Director, presented the awards.

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According to a report issued by Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi has contributed through the Cooperative Program in February a total of \$147,732. Of this amount \$98,206 was designated.

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You are not what you think you are, you are what you think.

fullness of His fellowship. Each in his own way shall walk in the way of Him who is the Way.

"And he gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-13.

100 Churches

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19. Philadelphia, First	2,577.45
20. Hattiesburg, First	2,505.23
21. New Albany, First	2,435.83
22. Carthage, First	2,432.98
23. Hattiesburg, Main St.	2,425.00
24. Clinton	2,374.97
25. Leland, First	2,324.00
26. Biloxi, First	2,309.06
27. Yazoo City, First	2,286.96
28. Canton, First	2,269.07
29. Greenwood, First	2,260.69
30. Quitman, First	2,181.00
31. Tupelo, Harrisburg	2,176.46
32. Belzoni, First	2,170.86
33. Holly Springs, First	2,117.54
34. Corinth, First	2,096.50
35. Cleveland, First	2,030.68
36. West Point, First	2,000.00
36. Jackson, Parkway	2,000.00
37. McComb, East	1,803.44
38. Kosciusko, First	1,800.00
39. Jackson, Alta Woods	1,754.51
40. Greenville, First	1,750.00
41. Calhoun City, First	1,630.00
42. Hattiesburg, Temple	1,550.00
43. Meridian, Southside	1,544.42
44. Aberdeen, First	1,444.47
45. Monticello	1,428.43
46. Moss Point, First	1,400.00
47. Lyon	1,379.54
48. Indianola, First	1,357.66
49. Batesville, First	1,258.99
50. Wiggins	1,236.36
51. Jackson, Crestwood	1,230.62
52. Jackson, Van Winkle	1,200.00
53. Itta Bena, First	1,179.80
54. Durant, First	1,173.44
55. Pontotoc, First	1,172.43
56. Meridian, 41st Ave.	1,124.25
57. Lucedale	1,075.02
58. Coldwater	1,050.10
59. Prentiss, First	1,050.00
59. Liberty	1,050.00
60. Natchez, First	1,020.00
61. Laurel, West	1,000.09
62. Mt. Olive	1,000.00
63. Newton	999.99
64. Winona, First	986.94
65. Magee	975.00
66. Water Valley, First	925.00
67. Forest	916.89
68. Laurel, Second Ave.	904.78
69. Sardis	900.00
70. Starkville, First	874.98
71. Meridian, Highland	871.52
72. Greenwood, Calvary	857.68
73. Rocky Creek (George)	843.03
74. Clarksdale, Oakhurst	834.52
75. Amory	832.17
76. Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive	827.41
77. Lexington, First	827.06
78. Booneville, First	825.00
79. Jackson, Northside	819.08
80. Moss Point, East	800.48
81. McComb, South	800.00
81. Summit	800.00
82. Charleston	792.25
83. Petal-Harvey	780.00
84. Ruleville	775.00
85. Drew	772.10
86. Jackson, Griffith Memorial	750.00
86. Oxford, First	750.00
86. Flora	750.00
87. Corinth, West	732.28
88. Okolona	727.59
89. Canton, Center Terrace	714.16
90. Jackson, Broadmoor	700.00
91. Salem (Covington)	684.00
92. Jackson, West	665.06
93. Natchez, Immanuel	659.00
94. Linn	656.45
95. Bunker Hill (Marion)	656.28
96. Houston, First	645.00
97. Laurel, Highland	642.17
98. Ackerman	625.00
99. Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	622.13
100. Jackson, Ridgecrest	621.41

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It often takes more power to say nothing than to speak a volume.

Baptist Hour Speaker

REV. PAUL M. STEVENS

Atlanta—Rev. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been named BAPTIST HOUR preacher for a 13-week series starting April 4, it was announced today.

Stevens was reared and attended college in Mississippi, but received his B. A. degree from Baylor University in 1938. He was awarded the Th. M. degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1948.

Stations in Mississippi carrying the Hour are:

WDOB—Canton, 5:00 p. m.
WGLC—Centerville.
WCLD—Cleveland, 5:00 p. m.
WACR—Columbus, 2:30 p. m.
WFOR—Hattiesburg, 10:15 p. m.
WSLI—Jackson.
WMBC—Macon, 2:30 p. m.
WAPF—McComb, 9:00 a. m.
WCOC—Meridian, 4:00 p. m.
WNAT—Natchez, 7:15 a. m.
WPMP—Pascagoula, 4:30 p. m.
WRJW—Picaune, 1:00 p. m.

Sand Hill Church Showers Its Pastor

The Sand Hill Church in Jones County expressed its love and appreciation to its pastor, Rev. Hubert Hurt, and his family Wednesday night, February 24, by surprising them with a shower of linen, food, and other things. The pastor had resigned the work with his resignation being effective on March 1. He has served the Sand Hill Church as pastor for over three years. During this time a new church building has been erected and equipped. The old building was destroyed by fire prior to his call to the church.

Last year the church placed third in the Town and Country Church Progress contest in Mississippi which was sponsored by Emory University. A W. M. U. and a Brotherhood were organized during this period. Cooperative Program giving has increased to ten per cent of the offerings received. Additional land for the church was purchased.

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Page 28 of the March issue of the Sunday School Builder should interest all Cradle Roll Workers and particularly Mississippians. The pictures shown are the workers of First Church, Columbus and also an interesting item about Mrs. Fred Oakley of Potts Camp. Her story is unusual. Read it.

Foundation Heads Have Annual Meet

By Harry L. Spencer

The annual conference of all the Foundation secretaries of the Southern Baptist Convention was held in Dallas, March 8-9. The newly elected president is Dr. Arthur Jackson of Georgia, and the conference is to meet in Atlanta on Feb. 22-23, 1955.

Outstanding Baptist leaders as well as others appearing on the program were: Dr. Forrest C. Fezzer, executive secretary of the Texas Convention; D. J. Howard Williams, president of Southwestern Seminary; and Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University. Other prominent people appearing were: Dr. Rheim of the Law School of Southern Methodist University in Dallas and Dr. Arthur A. Smith, president of the First National Bank of Dallas and a member of President Eisenhower's Economic Council.

The major emphasis in the program as a whole was that the ministry of the Foundations is major in the life of Southern Baptists. Dr. White of Baylor said, "I do not see how we could carry on without the Foundation. If we had to take on the responsibility of what they do in addition to what we now have, I do not see how we could do it." Day by day we are realizing the truth of these statements. Our Mississippi Foundation is growing daily, and the outlook for the future is bright.

—BR—

George A. Canzoneri Accepts State Field

Madden and High Hill Churches of Leake and Neshoba Counties have called Rev. George A. Canzoneri as pastor and he was ordained by his home church, Jan. 27 by the First Church of Lebanon Junction, Kentucky.

Those taking part in the service were Mr. Raymond Hornbeck; Dr. J. Estill Jones, Dr. Henry Turlington, Rev. Paul Sanderson, Mr. W. H. Meadows, Jr., and his father, Rev. Joe Canzoneri.

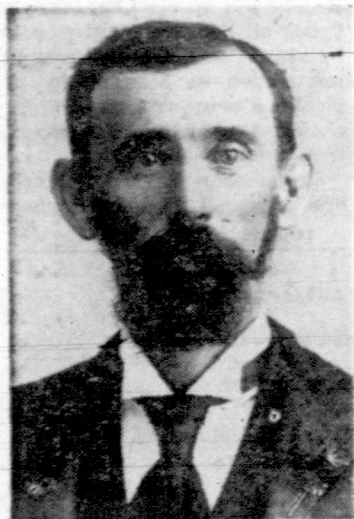
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DAUGHTER ESTABLISHES MEMORIAL FOR FATHER AND MOTHER

Benjamin Ligon Owen



Tennie Taylor Watson Owen

Mrs. Lydia Owen Proctor has established a memorial for her father and mother by giving \$2,000.00 to the Baptist Foundation. The income on this fund is designated to foreign missions. Mr. and Mrs. Owen were lifetime residents of Columbus where he was a deacon in the First Baptist Church. This gift came through that church.

You make an everlasting investment when you put money in the **Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Inc.**

HARRY LEE SPENCER, Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi

Home And Foreign Mission Day

The Baptist Record annually takes this opportunity to urge our Sunday Schools to observe Home and Foreign Mission Day with a special program and take an offering for those causes.

March 28 has been suggested as the date for this year and this offering is one of four special Sunday School offerings approved and urged by our State Convention each year.

Those Sunday Schools that do not find March 28 a convenient date are urged to select one that is convenient and observe it.

These two causes are dear to the heart of every Mississippi and Southern Baptist and the needs are great. The fields are white unto harvest.

The March issue of the Sunday School Builder carries a suggested program for the observance of the day and a package of materials including a suggested program has been mailed to all Sunday School superintendents.

In observing the day our churches are giving our people an added opportunity to share in our great mission enterprise.

The purpose of this day and the program is to inform, to inspire, and to enlist our people in the great task of Home and Foreign Missions.

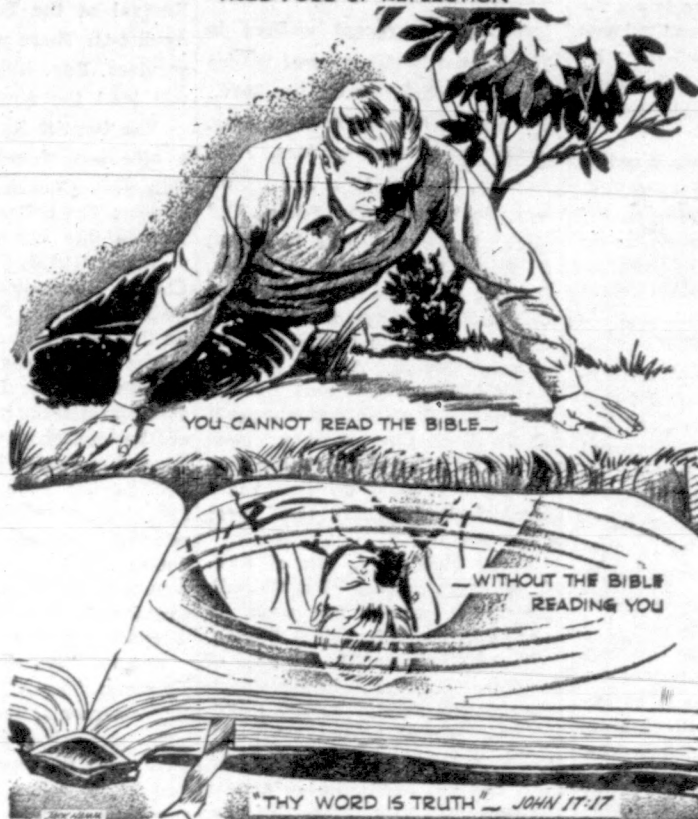
Each Sunday School should take this special offering. It may be true that many who are at the service that day will be regular contributors, but there are always some who are not regular contributors, and some who are not contributors at all. And they should be given an opportunity to support Baptist Home and Foreign Mission work around the world.

Some churches give nothing or small amounts to our mission program. This is an opportunity. Other churches have many members who give little or nothing to the church program. Some of these would give if the opportunity were presented.

It is true that at least a million, probably more, of our more than seven million Southern Baptists never give anything. There are other millions who give far less than the tithe. If every pastor in the state would secure envelopes and distribute them, many people, some good givers—others, poor givers—would make some kind of an offering. The total amount would be worthy.

Offerings should be sent to the Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, and marked Home and Foreign Missions.

TRUE POOL OF REFLECTION



Why Discriminate

In the February 18 issue of the Baptist Record was an editorial in which we urged our readers to contact their Senators and Representatives and urge them to support the bill by Senator McCullough which would prohibit grant or payment of funds to any institution, corporation or association which is owned or operated or managed or controlled in whole or in part, by any church or by any religious society or organization.

We had a letter from a member of the Legislature in which he writes:

"I am very much in accord with the policy of complete separation of Church and State. There exists a prevailing practice of religious associations in groups to attempt to influence legislation and to bring pressure on members of the Legislative branch of the government. This practice is in direct opposition of the principal of separation of the Church and State and, though the persons engaging in such practices, no doubt, have the finest motives in mind, I do not think that the practice can be commended. The work of the members of the Legislature is often hampered, rather than facilitated, by efforts of well-meaning groups to press the passage of legislation, the extent and meaning of which they are not entirely familiar."

Our legislative friend would have you believe that individual Baptists who urge the passage of this bill are "in direct opposition to the principle of separation of church and state."

The editorial in the Baptist

Record asked the people as individuals to use their influence. But it would not be violating the principle of separation of church and state if Baptist organizations were to oppose the gift of all taxpayers' money for the support of any church organization.

It is a well known fact that many lobbyists are in the city and using influence and if they have the right to try to get laws, which they favor, passed, every Baptist in Mississippi has the same right.

Recently when what is known as "The Right to Work Bill" was before the Legislature, large numbers of laboring men and their officials appeared before the Legislature. They had a perfect right to oppose that bill and to let their opposition be known.

All Christians have the same right and it is not mixing church and state.

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Cooperative Program Is The Way Forward

The Cooperative Program, Mississippi's and Southern Baptists' principal plan of missions, is the way forward.

We have, during the past three years, by our increased gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program, proved that to be everlastingly true.

Each year during the past three years we have given an increasing percentage of our total mission gifts through the Cooperative Program.

In 1950-51 we gave 57% of our total mission gifts through the Cooperative Program.

In 1951-52 we gave 60% of our total mission gifts through the Cooperative Program and last year

—1952-53—we gave 65% of our total mission gifts through the Cooperative Program.

The above figures reveal in no uncertain terms that the rank and file of Mississippi Baptists want to increasingly depend more and more on the Cooperative Program as our life-line and bulwark of all mission giving.

All the above leads us to quickly say that special appeals and designations tend to impede the progress of the life line.

In speaking of special appeals and designations we are not referring to those time-honored Conventions—approved causes such as the three W. M. U. weeks of prayer and the four Sunday School special offerings which have an "over and above the tithe" appeal, and do not tend to take from the Cooperative Program.

Special appeals that stem from various agencies or institutions of the Convention do tend to weaken the Cooperative Program however.

The Cooperative Program now more than ever is and will increasingly be the life line of all our agencies and institutions.

All our agencies and institutions stand to share more than ever before this year in the Cooperative Program.

Meaning that every agency and institution has a real stake in the Cooperative Program and should increasingly support it with full vigor.

What hurts the Cooperative Program hurts every agency and institution.

Over the long haul the Cooperative Program is the way forward for our total mission program.—A.

Our Readers Write

IT DOES ENCOURAGE

For your encouragement let me say that one thing has had a very great influence on our Church and the children and youth is the fact that the Baptist Record goes into the homes of our people every week. It would be impossible to estimate its worth in creating interest in the Lord's work. I thank God for you and the Baptist Record.

W. S. ALLEN, Pastor,
Pass Christian Baptist Church.

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Liquor Fight

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House calendar.

On March 3, 1954, we addressed a letter to the members of the Legislature calling to their attention the obligation to the people which they are under by virtue of the referendum election, reminding them that they asked for the mandate and setting out the legislative program which we felt to be basic, consisting of the following:

- (1) Repeal of the wine and beer law.
- (2) Providing for the recall of sheriffs who fail to do their duty.
- (3) Repeal of the Black Market Tax.
- (4) A constitutional amendment to provide for less than unanimous jury verdicts in criminal cases less than capital.
- (5) Granting to county judges the right to issue padlock injunctions.
- (6) The enactment of a "Bone-dry" law and
- (7) The passage of House Bill 125, which would prevent wine and beer advertising in the State of Mississippi.

MISQUOTED ON SILLERS MATTER

This letter was mailed to the membership of the Legislature after its distribution in the House Chamber in the usual manner had been stopped by the Speaker. The newspapers seized on this matter in an attempt, apparently, to put our legislative program in a bad light, quoting Mr. Sillers as saying that I had requested permission to distribute the literature and that he was forced to cite me to a rule of the House which prevented such distribution, and that I had thereafter arbitrarily taken the position that he had denied me the right, when, as a matter of fact, I had not even seen Mr. Sillers on the occasion in question. I wrote Mr. Sillers asking if he had been correctly quoted and calling his attention to the facts, and received a very nice letter in reply, assuring me that he had been misquoted. Mr. Charles Hills, of the Clarion-Ledger, later stated in his column that he had misunderstood Mr. Sillers.

In any case, we raise the question, "Could it be that the current deadlock on the school program has been deliberately caused by those desiring to legalize liquor in spite of the people?" In reply Rep. William Ramsey of Warren County wrote me as follows: "Yes and I am happy to be one of this group. I do not intend to vote for any tax increase unless we first legalize liquor and tax it." Interestingly enough, Rep. Harry Applebaum of Yazoo County refused to accept his letter and it was returned to this office so marked.

So at last it is out in the open. The strategy, as we have predicted being to come right down to the closing hours of the legislative session, and, following Governor White's strong appeal that the school program be saved; to say, "All right, boys, take it or leave it, Legalize liquor or lose your school program!" It is an amazing commentary on the current situation that with 52 counties in Mississippi have outlawed all alcoholic beverages including beer and with the people having voted in favor of retention and strengthening of our liquor laws by a majority of almost 60,000 votes

and with numbers of the Legislators having stated that they desired by the referendum to put the liquor question at rest and to know the desires of the people that it has been almost impossible to get any of our proposed bill even introduced.

I frankly feel that this situation is largely the result of the failure of our people in spite of repeated efforts to get them to do so to let their Senators and Representatives know in no uncertain terms what they expect of them.

THE TIME IS NOW

We appeal to you with all the emphasis that we can command that you contact your Senators and Representatives in great numbers and express to them your desire that they make good on the mandate provision of the referendum bill and salvage the legislative program which we have suggested to them on your behalf. DO IT NOW! TIME IS RUNNING OUT! ! ! !

Particularly urge your Senators and Representatives to support the reporting out and passage of Senate Bill 1204 being the Black Market Tax repeal bill, which is now bogged down in the Senate Finance Committee, and Senate Bill 1305, which is the bill that would limit the possession of beer for personal use in dry counties, passed by the Senate and now bogged down in the House Temperance Committee, and House Bill 125, being the bill which would ban beer and wine advertising, which is now on the House calendar. With reference to this last bill, URGES YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO AMEND THIS BILL BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL FORM INSTEAD OF THE WATERED DOWN VERSION WHICH WAS FINALLY REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Whether or not we accomplish anything of a positive nature in the remainder of this legislative session will depend on your response to this appeal, and perhaps even more serious, whether or not we prevent the legalization of liquor in spite of your vote against it will depend on your response to this appeal. If our people slumber supinely on rest of the session, we trust that they will not expect any major accomplishments by the waving of a magic wand in their state headquarters.

Failure to enact a legislative program to strengthen our liquor laws and the serious consideration of liquor bills at this session are of course a serious breach of faith by a part of the membership, and it is almost inconceivable that they would dare face the people next year after having done so, but we must not feel a false sense of security in that thought. Immediate ac-

Sparks & Splinters

Among the recent visitors in The Baptist Building were: Wayne Duane Aycock, Meridian; Rev. Evan Williams, Money; Mrs. Lamar Hurst, Money; Mrs. J. C. Farrish, Money; Mrs. J. R. Chittom, Jackson; Fibby Poole, Red Neck; Dood Ivey, Red Neck; F. R. Wolfe, Duncan; James Hayes, Durant; Olyn Roberts, Louisville; Charles W. Haggard, Louisville; Arlon Moody, Louisville; W. D. Fortson, Durant; G. C. Harrod, Hattiesburg.

Sunday, February 28 was a great day in Ruth Church when upon recommendation of deacons a debt of \$2500 was paid off five years ahead of schedule. Rev. H. K. Neal is the pastor.

Larry Hale-Day, son of Rev. C. M. Day, pastor, First Church, Durant, is serving this week as a page in the Mississippi Senate. "Bring Them In" is the title of an interesting article in the March issue of The Sunday School Builder. The author is Mrs. G. C. Hodge, wife of the pastor of the First Church, Biloxi. In the article she tells how to get the Juniors. She also names 13 ways to find them.

Damascus Church in Franklin County will observe its annual Homecoming Day on April 4. The public is cordially invited to attend and especially all former pastors. Rev. C. O. Stegall is pastor.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. T. D. Wardell, Jackson; Mrs. T. G. Riley, Jackson; Rev. Odis Henderson, Clinton; Jewel Henderson, Clinton; Zina Kaye Henderson, Clinton; Rev. Boyd B. Underwood, Jackson; Rev. A. N. Moffett, Jackson; Rev. Charlie Bryant, Hickory Flat; Rev. A. B. Pierce, Jackson; Rev. F. V. McFatridge, Morton; C. E. Marson, Jackson; Sondra Marson, Jackson; Martha Martin, Columbus, Georgia.

In the March issue of The Sunday School Builder there is an interesting article on "The Weekly Officers' and Teachers' Meeting" by Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor of the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.

The Mississippi College Concert Band will present its fourth annual "Concert for the Springtime" on Friday, March 19, at 8 p.m. in Nelson Hall Auditorium. The Band 52 members strong, now known as the Southern Baptist Convention Band, under direction of Prof. W. B. Duda, is expected to play for a full house of music lovers from every section of the state.

tion by large numbers of our people is indicated.

Rev. James K. Pierce is to be Youth Evangelist for the Youth Revival at the Bolton Church on April 4-11. There will be only night services. Rev. Ralph Scott, pastor, will lead the singing.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of subscriptions from New Life Church in Tallahatchie County. The list was sent by J. W. Tribble, the church treasurer.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The Church Recreation Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board held its first workshop recently in Nashville. Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant, secretary of the Board's new service directed the program. Purpose of the workshop was to correlate suggestions from leaders in Southern Baptist schools, college, and churches in setting up an adequate church recreation service for Southern Baptist. College and seminary professors, and church workers from over the Convention attended the workshop.

From "A Report to the Churches," by Area Missionary R. B. Patterson it seems that he has been somewhat busy during the past year. He reports having traveled 27,435 miles, reactivated one church, visited 144 churches, made 1101 other visits, visited 6 schools, taught 6 study courses, made 71 awards for study courses, held 590 personal conferences, and 60 group conferences, mailed 1298 pieces of mail, worked in two Vacation Bible Schools, promoted 10 Vacation Bible Schools, worked in one School of Missions, held 8 revival meetings, delivered 278 sermons and addresses, and attended 80 meetings, state, district, associational, and Convention-wide.

The Baptist Record greatly appreciates a nice list of 21 subscriptions, new and renewal, from Shelton Church in Jones County. The list was sent by J. D. Palmer, the church treasurer.

MADRID (RNS)—The Reverend Manuel Diaz, pastor of a Baptist congregation at Tetuan, Spanish Morocco, has been expelled from that protectorate by Spanish military authorities, according to reports received by Protestant leaders here. The reports gave no reason for Mr. Diaz' expulsion but said he now is at Algeciras in Southern Spain. The Tetuan Baptist congregation comprises some 40 to 50 members and is supported by a Canadian Baptist mission group, Protestant sources said.

Mississippi has lost another one of its good pastors to Alabama. Rev. J. T. Tolar has resigned the pastorate at McLain in order to become pastor of the Mignon Church, Sylacauga, Alabama.

What we are is God's gift to us; what we make of ourselves is our gift to God.

Harold Kitchings Goes To Dallas Church**REV. HAROLD T. KITCHINGS**

Rev. Harold T. Kitchings, pastor's assistant at Calvary Church, Jackson, since February 1, 1953, has resigned to accept a call to the same position at Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas. Mr. Kitchings will assume duties there on April 1. Before coming to Calvary, Mr. Kitchings served as pastor's assistant at Daniel Memorial Church in Jackson after his graduation from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1951. Prior to his work at the Seminary, he graduated from Clinton High School and from Mississippi College, where his father, Dr. A. A. Kitchings is a professor.

Mr. Kitchings is married and has one daughter, Kathy Mae. His wife is the former Ann Overstreet of Jackson.

—BR—

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(BP)—Sixty-four students received degrees at Southern Seminary's largest mid-year Convocation at the end of the first semester.

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Suggested Ways To Use Journal For Brotherhood Program Material, April, May and June Issue.

The Brotherhood Journal is the major source for materials to be used in building worthy programs for the Brotherhood in your church. Subjects presented and discussed in it are both timely and practical. They can prove to be most helpful in giving to the men the information they need concerning the work of their church and denomination. Whether your Brotherhood meets weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly, the Journal can be used as a source for program materials.

Weekly Meetings

If your Brotherhood meets weekly, we suggest that each of the thirteen articles as listed under Program Material on Page 1 be presented and discussed in the order of their listing.

Semi-Monthly Meetings

We suggest, if your Brotherhood meets semi-monthly, that a grouping of the articles be made to emphasize the various subjects presented. For example, missions could be chosen as the theme for one of the programs and the source material found in the articles, "Missions Trails and Triumphs Among the Indians", by Frank Belvin, and "Medical Missions in South America" by Frank

lin T. Fowler, could be used most effectively. One will find that such groupings can be made of the major articles that will assure presentation of programs that will demand the interest and respect of the men of the organization.

Monthly Meetings

For monthly meetings, we suggest that each program have a major theme in keeping with the planning of the executive committee this quarter the themes could be built around the subjects of "Ministering to Youth Facing the Military," "Mission Opportunities At Home and Abroad," and "A Study of One of our Baptist Doctrines." These themes should be of interest and benefit to the men. Source material for each is to be found in the contents of the Journal.

No matter when or how often

your Brotherhood meets, the Journal is a valuable source of program material. Many program vice-presidents use it to present practical, interesting and purposeful programs to the men of their organizations. You can do the same.

—BR—

Crestwood Church, Jackson recently voted to make it possible for their pastor, Rev. A. B. Pierce to be a member of the Southern Baptist delegation to Alaska in the spring of 1955. A group of pastors are going to Alaska then in connection with the 1955 Simultaneous Revivals.

—BR—

A Spring Revival will be held at Longview Church March 21-26. Rev. Pete Steelman, pastor Calvary Church of Starkville, will conduct the services. Rev. James Pugh is pastor.

Alexander Mem., James Welcomes New Pastor



REV. C. D. CANADY

The Alexander Memorial Church, James, welcomed their new pastor, Rev. C. D. Canady, and his family with a dinner at the church on Sunday, March 7. A song service followed the dinner.

Mr. Canady was formerly pastor at Mayersville and Tallula Churches. He attended Clarke College.

—BR—

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Frank E. Skifton, Blue Mountain; Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton; Rev. J. P. Brock, Pickens; Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Tosh, McDonald; Mrs. Katie Jennings, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Martha Jennings, Muskogee, Oklahoma; LaPearl Kidd, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Rev. C. E. James, Brighton, Alabama; Mrs. J. C. Stewart, McComb; Mrs. Will Dunaway, McComb; Kiah F. Smith, Hattiesburg; Mrs. H. C. Steversen, Brandon; Mrs. Von Baker, Brandon; Miss Ollie Faye Wood, Jackson.

—BR—

SHAWNEE, Okla. —(BP)—Plan have been made for the observance of the twentieth anniversary of Dr. John W. Raley as president of Oklahoma Baptist University, to be held in the latter part of May. The observance will be in conjunction with the activities of commencement week at the university.

Enrolment was 26 in the fall of 1934; enrolment for the fall of 1953 was 1,074.

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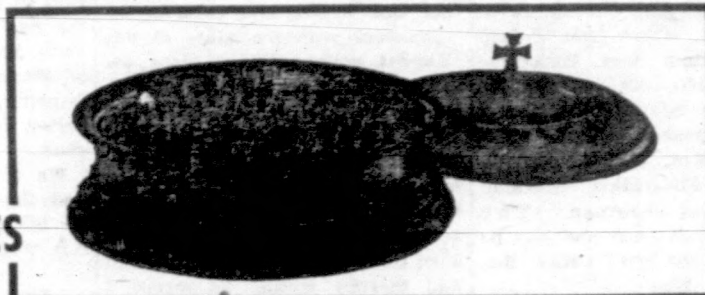


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Miss Almarine Brown.
March 30-April 1, WMU Convention, First Baptist Church, Jackson.

The opening session will be Tuesday, 7:45 p. m. and the convention closes at noon on Thursday. The Business Women will have their annual banquet at 6:15 p. m. Tuesday.

You will be interested in knowing who our guests are to be—

Missionaries:
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis, Nigeria.
Rev. and Mrs. John DeFoore, Alaska.
Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Harris, China.
Miss Edythe Montroy, Nigeria.
Rev. and Mrs. John Parker, Chile.

Margaret Fund Students:
Mary Jacob, China.
Martha Maer, Chile.
Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Chairman, Relief Committee, Baptist World Alliance.

Miss Irene Chambers, Field Representative, Home Mission Board.

Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC.

Dr. J. H. Kyzar, Mississippi Member of the Foreign Mission

Board.

Dr. Crester Quarles, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

One of the special features of the Convention will be the presentation and release of the history of Mississippi WMU. The special presentation will be made at the morning session Wednesday and the special "Convention Edition" will go on sale at the close of that session. The seven contributing writers will be present for the Wednesday session.

Business Women take note! The annual BWC banquet will be held at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tuesday, March 30th at 6:15 p. m. Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary WMU, SBC, will be the speaker. The missionaries and convention speakers will be special guests. Mrs. Lillian Ferrell, Hinds BWC Federation chairman is the banquet chairman. The tickets are \$1.25 each and can be secured from the WMY Office, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

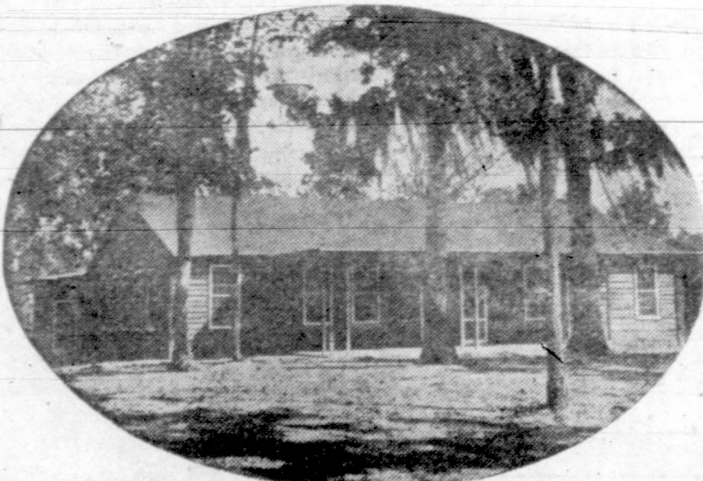
The tickets must be secured by March 27th.

Union Associational WMU meeting was reported by Mrs. C. C. Miller, secretary. The theme of the program was "Enlistment". There was evidence that the women are already enlisting—a new Society at Pattison was recognized and also groups from two other churches in which a society will soon be organized: Hermantown and Riverside.

Salem Baptist Church, Tyler-town WMS had a most profitable trip recently, when under the leadership of Pastor Carl Case and Mrs. Case the group visited New Orleans to find "first hand" information concerning the New Orleans story.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering from Oak Grove Baptist Church, Lauderdale Association, should have been \$1,249.50 instead of the \$49.50 printed in February 25, issue.

TIME TO THINK ABOUT CAMP!



Spring is in the air! Camp time is just around the corner! Turn your thoughts to CAMP GARAYWA! Watch this column each week for camp announcements and plans.

What Christian

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leadership in Kingdom building.

At a recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Association of College Administrators it was observed that there is a shortage of teachers of this quality. The college presidents were having difficulty staffing their colleges with proper teacher material, from the standpoint of the purposes of the Christian college. It was insisted by these college presidents and deans that Southern Baptist colleges should be producing more teachers with higher degrees to make possible the staffing of Baptist schools and meeting denominational leadership needs.

A few years ago I processed over 900 names to get three teachers. Most of these teachers were not Baptist. A considerable number had habits and outlooks inconsistent with the aims of this Baptist college. Many were unable to work on the salary available.

We find that there are two vital factors in the choice of teachers for a field such as ours: (1) The teacher must be of high scholastic achievement, and (2) the teacher must be unusually devoted to Christ and thereby willing to accept a position in a Baptist college as a call from God to serve as any other God-called worker.

A school is known by its product. Baptist colleges today are being called upon for church secretaries, ministers of music, educational directors, as well as pastors, to staff their growing denominational work. The calls for church workers outrun the supply. A Baptist college president, seeking a faculty, must build a staff to produce denominational leaders first as well as supply leaders to meet the needs in other areas of our national life. He feels more assured when he is able to secure a teacher trained through denominational channels. He also feels he is serving the cause of higher education best when students are selected for their promise of Kingdom leadership possibilities.

The greatness of America is based in her Christian ideals, which have always been extended best through the church and denominational colleges. Many outstanding business leaders of America today are saying: "That if we are to save free enterprise, we must save freedom itself, and that if we are to save freedom in America we must save and extend the work and influence of our Christian liberal arts colleges. These colleges have furnished the philosophy, the ideals, and the leadership which have cradled America. Thus, to me, Christian education is the front-line of defense to promote sacred values of the American way of life and the golden promise of a better tomorrow."

—BR—

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the sixty-seventh annual session of the Copiah Association. It was held with Sardis and Strong Hope Churches. The minutes were presented by Rev. Percy Wheat, pastor of Antioch and New Providence churches.

— MUSIC DEPARTMENT —

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

The Scott County Music Association under the direction of State Secretary, W. C. Morgan, and Associational Director, Moody Purvis, has just closed one of the most helpful music projects ever to be promoted in this county. Three district music theory schools were conducted in as many different churches acting as hosts.

Bethlehem, Union, and Salem churches with pastors, E. N. Sullivan, Charlie Hawthorne, and L. C. Brown, respectively, held the schools with James Hays, Mrs. C. O. Estes, and R. D. Moon as teachers. No finer music teachers can be found in the state.

Special emphasis was put upon theory study and sight singing. More than two hundred music lovers of the various churches took the five nights of study and went away predicting that his program of Simultaneous Schools of Music is going to bring us to a new and better day of music in our churches.

We commend Mr. Morgan and the State Music Department for this fine work and recommend this program to other associations.

By Rev. Roy L. Self,
Supt. of Associational Missions,
Scott County

HYMN SING PROGRAM ON THE MARCH

Reports from all over the state

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr.

50 Years Ago—
The Baptist Mission Sunday School on Point Cadet, Biloxi, has enrolled 131 pupils in the last nine months, and is greatly in need of house in which to work and worship. This was the beginning of the Second Baptist Church of Biloxi, under the leadership of Pastor J. B. Searcy of the First Church.

40 Years Ago—
Central (Coldwater) Baptist Church moves up to full time and welcomes as their new pastor, Rev. J. L. Boyd, just out of the Southern Baptist Seminary. And the Woman's Missionary Society of the church gives \$1,000 to the endowment of Mississippi College, \$500 of it coming from Mrs. Kate Callcott.

25 Years Ago—
The Baraca Bible Class of the First Church, Columbus, reached an attendance of 234 on a recent Sunday. And both morning and evening services of the church are to be broadcast over the radio station WMC, Memphis, Tennessee. Rev. J. D. Franks, pastor.

Dr. R. B. Gunter preached the sermon at the first service in the new house of worship of the Pass Christian Baptist Church when people "from everywhere" along the Coast were present to rejoice with Pastor W. S. Allen and his congregation.

indicate a new interest in the hymn sing program. There is a definite trend in increased attendance and general interest in this effort.

Many of the associations holding the hymn sing have not made a report to the Music Department, Box 530, Jackson. Self-addressed post cards for the hymn sing report are available in the Music Office upon request.

The following associations have made reports to this office during the first quarter of 1954: Attala, Clarke, George, Gulf Coast, Hinds, Lawrence, Lebanon, Marshall, Mississippi, Pearl River, Pike, Perry, Pontotoc, and Tishomingo.

The Associational Music Bulletin is available without cost to all associational music officers, moderators, and other key persons in our music program. If you are not receiving copies of this bulletin write the Music Office and your name will be forwarded to Nashville. The Associational Music Bulletin carries one sample hymn sing program quarterly for use by the associations.

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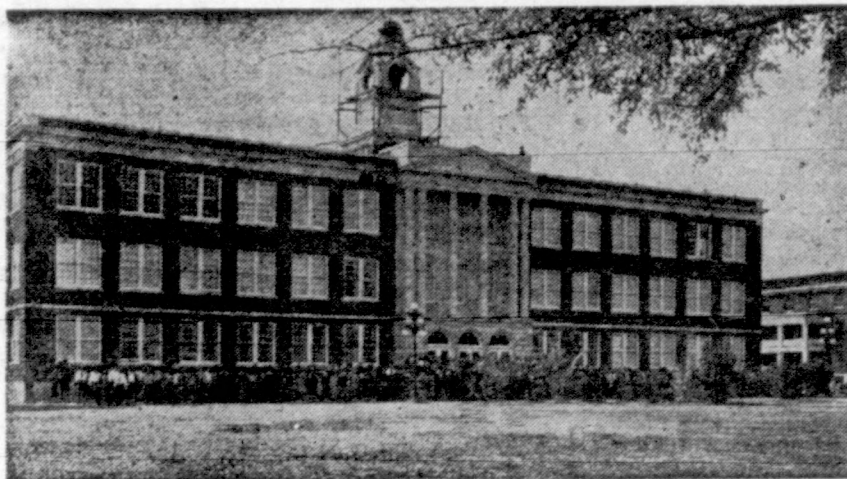
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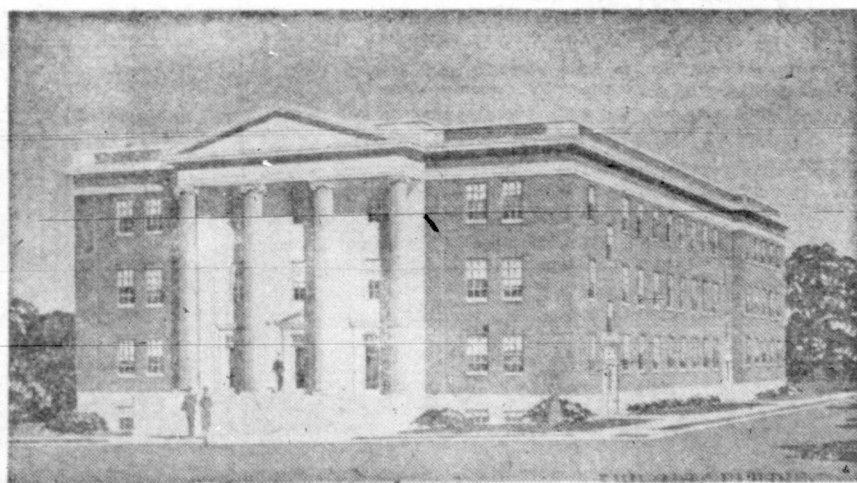
1911—Provine Hall, currently used for science, was built.

1914—Construction of Ratliff Hall dormitory and W. T. Lowrey Library.

1926—Building of Alumni Hall Gymnasium, Chrestman Hall Dormitory, and the Farr-Hall Hospital.

1943-45—Enlargement of endowment to one million dollars, and the erection of Nelson Hall administration building, Hederman and Gunter Residence Halls for women, the Whittington student center, as well as the Band Building and the Lowrey Library Annex.

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Mass Meeting in Lincoln

Rev. A. W. Talbert, associational Training Union director of Lincoln Association, reports 326 present at a recent mass meeting in Lincoln Association. There were 26 churches represented and 20 pastors present.

All of the associational officers except one was present and a good attendance was reported in each of the eight conferences held.

Our Largest Training Unions

According to the reports received in the state Training Union Department office, the following churches are listed as having the largest Training Unions in the state of Mississippi according to the enrolment: Parkway, Jackson, 861 enrolled, Jesse Griffin, director; First, Jackson, 799 enrolled, Carl Butler, Jr., director; Calvary, Jackson, 739 enrolled, Eugene Thomas, director; Main St., Hattiesburg, 546 enrolled, Mrs. H. R. McPhail, director; Daniel Memorial, Jackson, 526 enrolled, Mr. J. A. Bennett, director; Clinton Church, Clinton, 606 enrolled, Mr. J. F. Gordon, director; Crestwood, Jackson, 593 enrolled, Mr. Desmond Ward, director; First, Gulfport, 452 enrolled, Miss Julia Wilson, director; First, Pascagoula, 419 enrolled, Mrs. Walter Trehern, director.

It is possible that there are other

churches in the state of Mississippi which have larger enrolments in their Training Unions than some of those listed above. This information is received from the quarterly reports sent in by the individual churches.

Covington Trains

A central leadership training school was recently conducted at Collins Baptist Church in Covington Association. Mrs. C. C. Rogers is Associational Training Union director and Rev. W. R. Abel was host pastor for the school.

13 of the 18 churches in the association were represented at the school during the week. 244 were enrolled in the school with an average attendance of the week of 185.

The faculty and books used are listed as follows: Adults: Baptist Adult Union Manual, Mr. G. G. Pierce; Living in the Faith, Rev. W. B. Abel; the Book of Psalms, Rev. C. O. Estes. Young people: Baptist Young People's Administration, Miss Louise Hill; The Faith We Hold, Rev. H. D. Jordan. Intermediates: Junior and Intermediate Leadership Manual, Miss Neta Stewart; Intermediate Manual, Mrs. Clifton Keys; The Faith They Kept, Rev. C. S. Moulder. Juniors: Heroes of the Faith, Rev. Chester Roberts; Junior Manual, Miss Olivia Houghton.

The nursery, beginner and primary leadership manual was taught by Mrs. J. C. Greenoe and Mrs. Ellis Flynt, Mrs. Ralph Herrin and Mrs. Bura Clark worked with the nursery, beginner and primary children.

An inspirational message was brought each night, Monday through Friday, respectively, by the following pastors: Rev. H. D. Jordan, Rev. C. O. Estes, Rev. C. B. Saucier, Rev. S. F. Carlisle, Rev. Roy Raddin.

The following churches were represented at the central school—Calhoun, Cold Springs, Collins, Leaf River, Mt. Olive, New Hope, Ora, Rock Hill, Salem, Seminary, Williamsburg, Willow Grove, Sanford.

Miss Peggy Houghton acted as general secretary for the school. Covington Association is planning a similar school for the month of February, 1955.

Remember These Dates

Remember these dates and begin planning for them now.

1. Mississippi Baptist Training Union Convention, First Baptist Church, Jackson, June 21, 1954.
2. Mississippi Baptist Training Union Assembly, Camp Garaywa, Aug. 9-14 and 16-21.
3. Ridgecrest: Mississippi Week, July 15-21.
4. State Nursery, Beginner and Primary Clinic, Calvary Baptist Church Jackson, Nov. 8, 1954.
5. Associational Officers' Planning Meetings:
November 9—Northern Region, Oxford, First.
November 11, Central Region, Canton, First.
November 12—Southern Region, Temple, Hattiesburg.
6. "M" night 1954, December 6.

Associational

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now for delivery soon to all chairmen.

The complete list of stewardship chairmen thus far elected follows. Others elected will be published later:

Alcorn—Levi Myers, Corinth.
Attala—G. L. Myrick, Kosciusko.
Benton—Oscar D. Bumpas, Hickory Flat.
Bolivar—Bob Crosby, Cleveland.
Carroll—R. A. Cooper, Carrollton.

Chickasaw—Rev. James Gooch, Woodland.

Choctaw—Rev. A. R. Smith, Mathiston.

Clarke—Rev. Jewel S. Golmon, Pachuta.

Copiah—Rev. Benton Evans, Hazlehurst.

Covington—Rev. J. D. Boutwell, Sumrall.

George—Rev. U. G. Salter, Lucedale.

Greene—Rev. Wayne F. Hart, Leakesville.

Gulf Coast—Rev. Glen P. Dismukes, Handsboro.

Holmes—Marvin McLellan, Lexington.

Itawamba—Melvin Steel, Fulton.

Jeff Davis—Dr. L. E. Green, Prentiss.

Jones—Rev. T. E. Fant, Laurel.

Lafayette—Rev. Earl Beeler, Oxford.

Lauderdale—Dr. Levon Moore, Meridian.

Lawrence—Rev. R. E. Jones, Monticello.

Leake—Mrs. Troy Prince, Carthage.

Lee—Rev. J. S. Johnson, Plantersville.

Leflore—Mrs. J. K. Alexander, Itta Bena.

Lincoln—Rev. Paul Z. Ball, Brookhaven.

Madison—Rev. John Gould, Clinton.

Marion—H. G. Ward, Baxterville.

Mississippi—H. G. Rice, Liberty.

Montgomery—Rev. J. M. Metts, Winona.

Perry—W. H. Turner, Hattiesburg.

Pontotoc—Rev. Partee Tutor, Pontotoc.

Riverside—Rev. H. J. Logan, Jonestown.

Scott—L. C. Gordy, Forest.

Sharkey-Issaquena—H. G. Carpenter, Rolling Fork.

Simpson—Rev. S. D. Davis, Mendenhall.

Smith—Rev. L. B. Simmons, Newton.

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Union—Rev. A. A. Ward, Port Gibson.

Union County—Rev. Frank Cox, New Albany.

Waltham—Henry Pittman, Tyler town.

Wayne—Rev. Billy Hollingsworth.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

By AUNT POLLY

Driving In The Dark Taught Me A Lesson

As a junior girl I gave my heart to Jesus and began immediately to seek His will for my life. I was completely happy except that I did not know where Jesus wanted me to go and what He wanted me to do when I grew up.

This is very important to all who have given their lives to Jesus. He has a place for each one of us. If he plans to use a person as a foreign missionary, that person should know that early in life in order to prepare for such work; the same is true of preachers and teachers.

So I spent much time trying to determine what God wanted me to do. But God does not always tell us at one time all of his plans for us. This is one thing I had not realized until I took that trip.

Many times I had traveled on longer trips, shorter trips, better roads, and roads not so good. This trip was not particularly different from any other trip I had taken—except in one way: God was particularly close to me, as if he were riding in the same car.

It was then that I realized that I had set out on an unfamiliar road with no map. I did not know how the road looked all the way, and although the car lights were as good as could be, they did not shine all the way to my destination, the town I was going to. But they shone far enough for me to see as far as was necessary. And

Clara.

Pearl River—Rev. Joe H. Cothen, Jr., Nicholson.

Jasper—Rev. Artis Brewer, Stringer.

Calhoun—Rev. J. A. Wade, Slate Springs.

Oktibbeha—Rev. Charles Bryant, Starkville.

Rankin—Rev. James T. Chapman, Pearl City.

Clay—Rev. Carey Sansing, West Point.

Warren—Mrs. Claude Sailhamer, Vicksburg.

Marshall—Gordon Sigman, Holly Springs.

Tate—Rev. Charles O. Pate, Senatobia.

Lowndes—Sam J. Wilder, Columbus.

—BR—

Rev. E. D. Estes, pastor of Big Ridge Church, Biloxi, will speak at the chapel hour at Clarke Memorial College on March 22. He will give highlights of his recent preaching tour to Panama and adjacent points.

it continued that way as I traveled.

God was telling me that, although I should continue to seek His plans for me, I should not worry for He was showing me the way as it became necessary. It was not necessary to see all of the way until He was ready.

My greatest concern thereafter was just from day to day, until He chose to reveal more to me. His word served as a "Lamp unto my feet."

"Commit thy ways unto the Lord and He will direct thy path." Psalm 37:3.

—BR—

Dear Aunt Polly:

I read in your column that you wanted more boys and girls to write you. I am 13 and was saved last July.

We have services at County Line Church every Saturday night and Sunday and I enjoy them. We have a little folks prayer service where we read the Bible and have some Bible verses.

Our pastor, Rev. Bilbo Lively, is a good soul-winner. He is willing and ready to help in any way.

If every Christian would pray and do like he should this would be a better world. Let us every one pray harder.

Ruth Null
Walnut, Miss.

Dear Ruth:

It is very true that I want more boys and girls to write letters. Not only will I be glad but our friends who enjoy this column would like to hear from them.

I was glad to hear about your prayer service for little folks. I wish I could attend one of these services.

Aunt Polly

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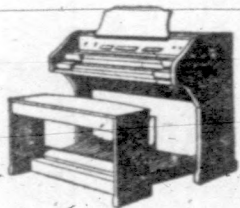
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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Next Monday, March 22, we begin the round of 20 district Sunday school conferences that will continue through four consecutive weeks, or from March 22 to April 16, Monday through Friday of each week.

This year we are having a change of the time each day. In former years we have had morning and afternoon sessions. This time we are having late afternoon and evening sessions, beginning at 4:00 o'clock. This will enable more people to attend, and especially the general superintendents, as well as others.

HERE'S THE SCHEDULE

This will be the schedule we shall follow each day of the conferences: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Vacation Bible school. 6:00 to 7:00—Lunch, served by host church. 7:00 to 9:00—Sunday school.

NEXT WEEK'S TOUR

Here is the tour schedule for next week: Monday, Brandon; Tuesday, Vicksburg, First; Wednesday, Gloster; Thursday, Macedonia (Lincoln County, five miles west of Brookhaven); Friday, Columbia, First.

Attend the one most convenient.

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of these conferences is to study and plan together with our leaders over the state on how we may make this year the best year in our Sunday school and Vacation Bible school program. Join us, please, and help us.

GLORIETA BUS TRIP BETTER ALL THE TIME

That bus trip to Glorieta, New Mexico, this summer for the first Sunday School Week gets better all the time.

Just about every thing is now planned for the complete trip. The time is July 23 to August 6—two full weeks—with a delightful sightseeing trip going and coming that includes Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso, Old Mexico, Carlsbad Caverns, over the Continental Divide, Oak Creek Canyon, Grand Canyon, Petrified

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SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Sunday, March 28, is Home and Foreign Missions Day in the Sunday School. A program has been mailed to all superintendents. The program is also on pages 16 and 17 of the March Builder. Observe that day properly and send the offering to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

MORE STANDARDS

These units have recently become Standard:

Schools:

Hamilton Street, Brookhaven, Rev. H. A. Merritt, pastor, E. C. Lambert, Supt.; Bethel (Pearl River), Rev. James B. Carpenter, pastor, Roy DeFreese, Supt.; Kosciusko, First, Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, pastor, I. N. Oliver, Supt.; Midway (Lauderdale), Rev. H. R. Pittman, pastor, Chas. D. Agnew, Supt.; West Gulfport, Rev. E. S. Flynt, pastor, J. W. Flint, Supt.; Springfield (Scott), Rev. F. V. McFatrige, pastor, J. W. Winstead, Supt.; Temple, Hattiesburg, Rev. Irving M. Prince, pastor, W. A. Moody, Supt.; Cedar Grove, (Marion), Dr. Mark Lowry, pastor, Jack Bourne, Supt.; Lucedale, Rev. Van Hardin, pastor, Tom Doty, Supt.

ADULT CLASSES:

Matron's Fidelis, McComb, First, Mrs. R. S. Cook, Sr., teacher; E. B. Miller Memo., West Point, First, Mrs. Clara S. Gage; Winsome, Parkway, Jackson, Mrs. J. D. Thompson; Homemakers, Sturgis, Mrs. J. G. Flurry; Winsome, Temple, Hattiesburg, Mrs. O. W. Goyer; Fidelis, Vicksburg, First, Mrs. I. C. Knox; Esther, Midway (Lauderdale), Mrs. H. R. Pittman; Friendship, Clinton, Miss Addie Mae Stevens; Dorcas, Brookhaven, First, Mrs. H. H. Ward; Mary Martha, McComb, First, Mrs. J. H. Wilson; Women's Bible Class, Black Jack, Mrs. Ivey S. Dixon; Fidelis, Natchez, First, Mrs. W. A. Sullivan; Character Builders, Water Valley, W. C. Howard; Ruth, Water Valley, Mrs. W. C. Howard; Fidelis, Kilmichael, Mrs. A. R. Bamberg.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLASSES:

Builders, Parkway, Jackson, James S. Vinson; Hawthorn, Vicksburg, First, Merrill M. Abernathy. Our very sincere thanks to the leaders of all these Standard units.

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—BR—

God never alters the robe of righteousness to fit the man, but the man to fit the robe.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

March 14, 1954

Pearl (Rankin)	129	67
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	156	102
Hattiesburg, Main St.	895	315
Laurel, Second Ave.	417	112
Laurel, Wildwood	176	81
Laurel, First	605	188
Clarksdale	383	47
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	466	105
Meridian, 51st Ave.	346	87
Jackson, Robinson St.	160	
Jackson, Daniel Memorial ..	641	276
Jackson, Ridgecrest	218	118
Jackson, Crestwood	597	412
Jackson, Van Winkle	431	260
Richland (Rankin)	125	77
Flowood	118	110
Jackson, North Side	501	109
Jackson, Highland	125	95
White Rock Mission	1	
Jackson, Broadmoor	407	166
Jackson, First	1431	500
Jackson, Parkway	1051	485
Jackson, South Side	378	183
Cleveland, First	592	158
Main School	535	
Chinese Mission	51	
Shady Oak Mission	6	
Wayside (Yalobusha)	46	
Nola	66	57
Hickory Flat	175	85
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	32	29
Stonewall	165	125
Pascagoula, First	829	367
Main School	666	276
Jackson Ave. Chapel	64	32
McArthur Chapel	77	40
Orange Grove Chapel	22	19
Itta Bena, First	309	95
Hernando, First	182	90
Holly Bluff	101	76
McComb, Locust St.	77	42
Aberdeen, First	382	102
New Albany, First	646	222
Mission	53	
Philadelphia, First	374	107
Calvary, West Point	254	138
Hattiesburg, Temple	518	162
Gulfport, New Hope	121	56
Friendship, McComb	160	79
Crysal Springs, First	664	176
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven ..	172	69
Canton, Center Terrace	274	138
Zion (Pontotoc)	125	83
Hardy (Grenada)	108	85
Springfield (Adams)	46	37
Calhoun City, First	347	123
Shiloh (Marion)	77	85
Houlka	139	46
Petal-Harvey	318	154
McComb, North	57	34
Greenwood, Calvary	450	181
Long Beach, First	272	84
Main Church	229	
29th St. Mission	43	
Tutwiler (Tallahatchie) ..	251	100
Vicksburg, First	620	199
Laurel, Harmony	135	72
Fair River (Lincoln)	89	57
Yazoo City, First	636	288
Gulfport, First	975	349
New Hope (Jones)	52	40
Friendship (Jackson)	87	76
Ruleville	292	128
Main Church	244	75
Mission	48	
Enon (Panola)	89	68
Yellow Leaf (Lafayette) ..	88	89
Picayune, First	633	191
Picayune, Roseland Park ..	172	59
Laurel, Highland	172	89
Brookhaven, First	751	302
Main Church	650	235
Southway	68	44
Halbert Heights	33	23
Grenada, First	567	152
Morton (Scott)	288	145
Main Church	275	
Mission	13	
Grenada, Emmanuel	246	98
Main Church	228	92
Futheyville Chapel	18	6
Longview (Okibeha)	88	66

Providence Church Builds New Pastorium

Rev. Frank Haire, who some time ago accepted the call as pastor of the Providence Church,



Franklin County, has recently moved into the new, modern 8-room pastor's home.

The church is giving 25 per cent of all money received into the church to the Cooperative Program. The church has a Standard Sunday School and active W.M.U., with R.A. G.A. and Brotherhood groups in the process of organization.

Mr. Haire is the president of the Franklin Association Baptist Pastor's Conference and Associational Music Director. He is also pastor of the Siloam Church, Franklin Association.

Before coming to Providence, Mr. Haire was pastor of Hopewell Church in Franklin County. While there he also led in the erection of a pastorium and in remodeling the church building.

—BR—

EDITOR'S WIFE DIES

ALEXANDRIA, La.—(BP)—Mrs. F. W. Tinnin, Alexandria, La., passed away March 8. She was the wife of Dr. F. W. Tinnin, editor, The Baptist Message, Louisiana Baptists state paper.

Spanish Fort	55	37
Bay St. Louis, First	171	68
Greenville, Second	583	185
Pelahatchie	213	103
Main School	194	
Mission	19	
Charleston, First	427	143
Concord (Choctaw)	94	89
Newtown, First	468	248
Meridian, Highland	504	136
Friendship No. 2		
(Tallahatchie)	72	36
New Sight (Lincoln)	115	62
Columbus, East End	224	95
Meridian, South Side	425	182
Corinth, Tate St.	317	102
Lucedale	364	184
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn) ..	158	156
Skene	123	48
West Point, First	611	182

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Cowart (Tallahatchie)	106	89
Laurel, West	450	165
Corinth, Tate St.	287	83
Marks, First	213	64
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn) ..	142	167
Bay St. Louis, First	150	57
Oxford, North	184	131
Purvis, First	201	86
McComb, Friendship	169	82
Enon (Panola)	110	108
Charleston, First	421	163
Greenwood, Calvary	450	194
Crystal Springs, First	713	185

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BLUE MOUNTAIN EVANGELIST



REV. JAMES H. FAIRCHILD

Rev. James H. Fairchild, pastor First Church, Louisville, will be the evangelist and W. C. Morgan, Jackson, state music secretary, will be the music director for the revival to be held at the Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, March 22-28. Rev. Robert Woody is the pastor.

—BR—

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., launched a drive to raise one and one-half million dollars to complete the new addition of the hospital. The addition will provide an additional 250 beds plus increased space for crowded departments such as surgery, x-ray, and laboratory.

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Sunday School Lesson

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For March 21

THE NEW COMMANDMENT

Bible Text: John 13-14.

I. HILLS OF HOPE AND VELLEYS OF DISPERATION

These we find in all of life. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord," and yet how often this very ordering of the Lord leads the good man's footsteps through the low ground of sorrow. We often built our hopes high only to see them dashed to destruction. It thus occurs in the lives of all men. Life is filled with contrasts so that good days are followed by bad. Take a stand for God and righteousness and you stand over against the dupes of the devil. Every good life contains these contrasts.

Look now at the last day of our Lord upon the earth: There was the base act of the traitor, the arrest and the shameful treatment of the Best of men, the forsaking and the flight of those who had pledged undying allegiance to Him, and the denial of Him by His stoutest-hearted friend. Add to all this the complete shift of sentiment concerning Him upon the part of the fickle multitude which recently had hailed Him as Israel's promised king, but now in just a few hours is to shriek a demand for His life before His Roman judge.

Over against all this provocative conduct upon the part of both His friends and His enemies stand the triumphant humility and indefeasible love of the only Begotten of the Father. Meditate on His gracious words: "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another: even as I loved you, that ye also love one another."

II. THE EXAMPLE OF HUMILITY AND SELFLESS LOVE

It was given His disciples of the evening of the day before His crucifixion, and in the upper room where they had assembled to eat with Him the last Passover. This company of men which He had selected to be with Him and to learn of Him the art of service of the Almighty was made up of men, men picked out of tens of thousands, extraordinary men, the salt of the earth and the light of the world; and yet these handpicked, chosen men, were only men at best. They nurtured each one his selfish desire, cherished each one his fond ambition to stand above his brethren.

The Master and Lord went about to teach these fine, selected members the method by which His own were to rise to commanding positions in His Kingdom. And the implements of His instruction were the bowed knees, the bended back, the footbath holding bath-water and the towel ready to hand. With these he performed upon each of them the most menial service, that of washing their feet.

This act was among all others the most complete confession and demonstration of the inferiority of the one who performed it to the one upon whom it was performed.

Then He the Master applied the lesson that in the kingdom of the Lord, men rise by stooping to serve and attain to positions of eminence by forgetting themselves into those positions.

III. THE PROMISE OF THE PARACLETE

The doctrine of the Holy Spirit is one greatly neglected in our day. Let us get or regain a firm grasp upon the wondrous fact that God's Holy Spirit is a real person, that God's Holy Spirit is God in essence, that to be in the presence of God's Holy Spirit is to be in the Presence of God, that the way in which our Lord is present with us is through the Holy Spirit of God, that when we pray, God the Father hears us through His Holy Spirit, that the loving Father's only method of bringing us to Himself is through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is named by a number of titles in the New Testament. Our Lord here calls Him the Paraclete, which means one called to another's side to aid him. So when John (I John 2:1) calls our Lord "a Paraclete," and the word is translated "Advocate" or lawyer, so when our Lord told the disciples that He would send them another Paraclete, He was speaking of the Holy Spirit Whom He would send to take His place with the disciples now that He was going away from them; and this helper, this advocate, this strengthener ("Comforter" as we have it translated) is to be with them forever. Again our Lord calls Him, "The Spirit of Truth" (John 15:26), Who shall "bear witness of Me." He shall guide the disciples into all the truth, the whole circle of revealed truth, and shall cause them to remember all that Jesus had taught them while with them, and all that the Spirit shall say to them and do through them has as its purpose the glorification of the Lord.

IV. HOME

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, ye may be also" (John 14:2, 3).

Has ever painter with light and shade the beauty of this heavenly home portrayed? Has ever the pen of a Milton described it? We can read the wondrous words in which it appeared to seraph-souled John in the rapture of his matchless vision (Revelation 21:1-22:6); but to behold its real splendor in the light that streams from the Throne Eternal is not given to mortal eyes to behold. But they of mortal eyes can, with the eyes of faith, catch a glimpse of its glory unspeakable and with the help of heavenly hope anticipate the joys of it and give rein to the trusting heart to enjoy even here on earth a sweet foretaste of its joys unspeakable and full of glory.

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REV. LOUIS WILHITE

Rev. Louis Wilhite, a senior ministerial student at Mississippi College and a native of West Monroe, Louisiana will be the evangelist for a youth led revival at the Cranfield Church, Adams county, March 28-April 2.

Mr. Wilhite began in the ministry at the unusual age of thirteen.

Arcola Church Has Successful Revival

Dr. Clyde Martin, pastor, First Church of Senatobia was the preacher, and Rev. Earl Edwards, pastor, Tutwiler Church, was the singer in the revival at Arcola Church that closed March 5.

There were 11 for baptism, nine by letter and five rededications. Rev. J. W. T. Siler is the pastor.

Goodman Church Has Appropriate Dedication

The Goodman Church, Rev. John G. McDonald, pastor, held a dedication service for its educational annex on a recent Sunday with Rev. R. E. Robbins, former pastor, as the visiting speaker.

Special music was furnished by the Holmes Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Martha T. McKie, music director at H. J. C. G. J. Everett, dean of the deacons, introduced the speaker for the occasion. At the close of the service Mr. M. A. Ousley presented the

A TRIBUTE TO DR. FRANK MOODY PURSER

The First Baptist Church of Oxford, Mississippi has been honored of the Lord, and blessed, for more than thirty years, by the ministry of Dr. Frank Moody Purser, who has served as spiritual advisor, friend, comforter, teacher preacher and leader to a large group who, through the years have been permanent residents, and members of the church, and to an ever-changing constituency as represented by the students of the University of Mississippi, thousands of whom have gone out to bless the world, and to cherish the memory of this spiritual adviser of student days.

These years have been years of toil, loving toil in the Master's name, and, as in every such case, have been crowned with success.

Our Church has steadily grown in membership, in personal participation in the work of the church, in gifts of money for the church and its allied interests, and in spiritual stamina.

Dr. Purser, at his own request, retires from the service as pastor of this church, and though he will not be our pastor, he will still be our friend, and will carry with him the undying affection of a congregation who appreciated good preaching, sincere service, ethical practices, fair dealings, and fearless leadership.

Our tribute also to Mrs. Purser who has had a large part in the successful ministry of her fine husband. She, too, has been friend to all, serving unselfishly, and efficiently in many important phases of our church life.

So, to Dr. and Mrs. Purser, we, The First Baptist Church of Oxford, Mississippi would say—

"The Lord Bless thee, and keep thee:

The Lord make his face to shine unto thee, and give thee peace."

The Lord lift up his countenance unto thee, and give thee peace."

Special Committee

(Paid) notes to the pastor, who in turn burned the indebtedness notes on the church annex.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

March 22—Anne Washburn, Baptist Building; Baptist Faith Week.
March 23—J. E. Herring, Mississippi College faculty; Rev. S. R. Pridgen, Lawrence Associational Chairman of Evangelism.

March 24—Rev. H. D. Jordan, Representative, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Covington Association; E. O. Spencer, Trustee, Mississippi Baptist Hospital.
March 25—Fourth Term Begins at Clarke College; Jeannie Rayborn, BSU President, Mississippi Southern.

March 26—J. C. Pell, Copiah Associational Brotherhood President; Mrs. Van Long, Sunflower Associational W. M. U. Superintendent.
March 27—District Sunday School Conferences; C. C. Parker, Calhoun Associational Sunday School Superintendent.

March 28—Home and Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday School; Rev. Jimmy Breland, Bolivar Associational Training Union Director.

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Officers' To Meet At Delta State

Plans for the annual State Retreat for BSU officers, to be held April 23-25 at Delta State and First Church, Cleveland, are nearing completion.

Opening probably with a banquet on the campus Friday night and closing with the worship service at First Church, Cleveland, Sunday morning, the meeting will feature conferences for the various BSU officers; reports on summer mission work, prospects for mission work this summer and introduction of the 1954 Student Summer Missionaries; music by the State BSU choir, under the direction of Miss Iris Deane Starkey, of First Church, Columbus, the election of the 1954-55 state officers; helps for Vacation Bible School and youth-led revival workers, and inspirational messages.

Among those to appear on the program are Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes, pastor of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson; Mr. Jimmy McCaleb, educational director of First Church, Talledega, Ala.; Rev. O. B. Robertson, Jr., pastor of Central Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. Charles Everitt, Bolivar Association missionary; Dr. W. H. Clarke, pastor, First Church, Cleveland, and many students and other leaders.

The theme of the Retreat will be "May God Depend on You?" Deadline for registration (\$1.00 each) will be April 19 in the office of Mr. James Breland, BSU director, Delta State, Cleveland, Miss. All who attend are requested to bring their own linens and covers.

FARMER GOES SOUTH

We congratulate the pastors, churches and students of Hattiesburg and Mr. Louie Farmer, Jr., on Mr. Farmer's recent acceptance of the BSU Directorship for Mississippi Southern. Mr. Farmer is a worthy successor to Mr. Riley Munday. We pledge him and the BSU forces in Hattiesburg our best cooperation and our prayers.

SSM STANDS AT \$578.51

Contributions on our goal of \$2,000 for Student Summer Missions this year have totaled \$578.51 thus far from the following sources: Carried forward from '53: \$65.98; offering Saturday night of '53 convention: \$355.19; Sunday school offering of '53 convention: \$142.34; S. Louisville, R. J. Shoemaker, pastor, \$5; BSU, E. Miss. Jr., \$10. A total of \$2479.08 was secured for the 1953 SSM program.

To Speak During Focus Days March 22-26



REV. RUSSELL MCINTIRE



MRS. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL



REV. CURTIS ASKEW



MR. BILL CODY

Pictured above are, left to right, Rev. Russell McIntire, Pastor of the New Orleans Seminary; Rev. Curtis Askew, Mississippi Missionary to Japan, and Mr. Bill Cody, Associate Southwide BSU Secretary, conferences with students and otherwise lead in the Baptist Focus Days to be held at Miss. Southern, Jones Jr. College, Delta State, Ole Miss, and Miss. State during the week of March 22-26.

We Wait For A Better Plan

We understand that in recent days one who is perhaps among Southern Baptists' most brilliant preachers, while visiting in our State, let it be known that he was, to put it mildly, dubious about the work of the Baptist Student Union.

First, let it be said that brilliance is not a synonym for wisdom. Secondly, every man, especially every Baptist, is entitled to his own opinion.

Thirdly, the BSU with all its weaknesses is an integral and established part of Southern and Mississippi Baptists' mission program.

We have no desire to argue for BSU with anyone. It speaks for itself. To be sure, it needs and shall always need improving, just like our friend's church.

Only two observations will be made. First is that college students, like anyone else, need the spiritual ministry of our churches, and that's BSU. Until someone comes up with a better plan than BSU, we'll stick with it.

Secondly, though everyone has a right to his own opinion, we doubt seriously that it is right for any Baptist to denounce publicly any part of Baptists' program which his church's contributions help to support.

Vocational Emphasis Is Observed at Woman's College

"God's Magnificent Possession—You" was the theme of Vocational Emphasis Week at Mississippi Woman's College with Katherine Irwin, president of the BSU in charge of the week's activities. Chapel speakers for the week and their respective topics were:

"God's Magnificent Possession—You as a Nurse", Mrs. Edna Langworthy, New Orleans; "You as a Choir Director", Mrs. W. M. Breland, Jr., First Church, Hattiesburg; "You as a Church Secretary", Miss Winnie Byrd, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg; "You as a Service Worker", Rev. O. H. Petty, Nineteenth Avenue church; and "You as God's", Rev. W. B. Wall, Glendale Church. Noon-day speakers included Harold Gully,

BSU director, Pearl River Junior College, Poplarville; Mr. Rex Braswell and Miss Tommie Braswell, Thirty-Eighth Avenue church and Mrs. H. W. Powell, Main St. Church.—Jewel Hannah, BSU director.

YWA Focus Week Held At MSCW Last Month

Emogene Harris, president of YWA on the MSCW campus, planned and executed an interest-packed YWA Focus Week, February 14-20. Throughout the week YWA members gave noonday programs centered around home missions. The first special occasion was a Valentine breakfast Sunday morning at the Student Center. A theme of Love was carried out in the devotional and the program of special music. Monday the senior circle was in charge of making tray favors representative of

NEWS FROM STATE GIVEN

Freshman Week was so helpful that they recommended that we elect the Freshman Council in October and let it meet with the Exec. Council one week out of each month with their main job being to enlist the freshmen in each positions of the BSU. They would be in full charge one week of each semester. The Sweetheart Banquet was the largest yet with 167 present. The 25 girls from Blue Mt. had a very enjoyable time and so did our group. We are feeling the need for the Student Center more every day, because most days we have the room full for noon-day meditation. I am sending the deed to Dr. Quarles today. Our plans are going strong for the Focus Day.—Roy Isbell, Miss. State.

George Washington's birthday. These were sent to the patients at the Columbus Hospital. Tuesday afternoon the entire YWA went visiting on the campus, and that night all circles came together for a Western Round-Up. The theme of the program was to round-up and brand absentee and prospective members of YWA. The New Orleans Story was taught by Mr. Harold Gully, student secretary of Pearl River Junior College. Thursday morning the YWA's had charge of Master's Minority. The meeting was a special prayer service for World Missions. Friday afternoon visits were made to several shut-ins in Columbus. Topping off the week was a Hen Party at the Student Center Saturday night.—Barbara Kuykendall.

ACTIVITIES AT CO-LIN LISTED BY MRS. NICHOLS

I am happy to report that two of our young people plan to work with the Training Union Department this summer and two have made applications to be on the Ridgecrest Staff. Others plan to work in Vacation Bible schools in their local churches.

Our students observed the Dedicated Vocations Week Feb. 7-14. They led the Chapel program on Feb. 8 and presented a program including a medical, doctor and a lawyer with the Religious Educational and Music Directors from First Church, Brookhaven. The messages these men brought were the talk of the campus for days. We trust that students will continue to remember these messages for a lifetime.

One activity which has grown in popularity is a candy-making (get-together) on Saturday night in the pastorium. Our children call it the "B. S. S. Jamboree." Whatever the name, the students are most grateful for an opportunity to have the freedom of home life away from dormitory routine. Just now the Installation Banquet takes the stage. The date is March 9 (Tues.) at 7 p. m. at the Wesson Baptist Church. Dr. A. B. Pierce of Crestwood Church in Jackson is to be the speaker. The theme is "A Garden Party" and the address is to be "The Master Gardener".—Mrs. George A. Nichols, Co-Lin. Jr. College.

Neither the Christian college nor the BSU can do the Christian Education job alone.—R. Orin Cornett.



Shown above is a scene from the groundbreaking ceremony which was recently held at Brandon Church for the new education building. Pictured along with several officers of the church is the Chairman of the Building Committee: Left to right—Dr. M. C. O'Keefe; Rev. Carey Cox, pastor; Mrs. Arthur Couch; Mrs. Marvin Thompson; Mrs. R. R. Busick, Sr.; G. A. Harrison; W. E. Wells; Will Martin; Guy Kennedy; Ruel Oberby, and C. H. Kennedy.

DR. WAYNE ALLISTON

Dr. Wayne Alliston 65 died Tuesday, March 9. Funeral services were held on March 10 at Briar Hill Church, Rankin County, where he had been the pastor for seven years. He was also pastor at Star.

Four ministers took part in the funeral services: Dr. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, First Church, Jackson; Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor emeritus, First Church, Jackson; Dr. R. B. Gunter, a neighbor of Dr. Alliston's and Rev. Wilbur Webb, a student at Southern Seminary who was ordained under the ministry of Dr. Alliston.

Dr. Alliston was born in Rankin County, attended Mississippi College, and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He was ordained to the ministry at Florence at the age of 20 and served as pastor of a number of churches in Texas and Mississippi and of one in Louisiana.

For eight years he was superintendent of the Baptist Hospital in Jackson. During the depression days he was state WPA director.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Sallie South Alliston; a daughter, Mrs. R. S. Carroll of Jackson; three sons, Wayne Jr., Bay St Louis, Wile of Houston, Texas; John W. of Baytown, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Berry Lowther of Florence, Miss.; six brothers, Thompson Joe and Vaughn, all of Florence, Wile of Ft. Worth, Walter of Jackson, and Robert of Brandon; five grandchildren.

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Albert Clark Accepts Church At Fayette

Rev. Albert V. Clark, Jr. of Darling, formerly pastor of the Curtis Church, in Panola County, has accepted the call of the church at Fayette.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College. He will succeed Rev. George Moseley, who resigned several months ago to accept another field.

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Man Of Distinction

The Clarion-Ledger reports the arrest of a man whose name will not be given, who is charged with the transportation of stolen automobiles in Interstate Commerce.

The prisoner told the arresting officers that the auto-theft charges against him "resulted from an alcoholic spree."

Perhaps he should be featured by the liquor people as a "Man of Distinction." At least, he has the distinction of being in jail and according to his testimony there because of liquor.

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CHANCES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Mississippi
Called and accepted
Earl Konkle, Connelly Springs South Mt. Association N. C. from Salem Fork, Surry Assoc. N. C.
W. F. Wagoner, White Rock, Candler, N. C.
Joseph P. Edmondson, Jr., Walnut Grove, Hanover County, Va.
Burley S. Turner, Waco, N. C. from Forest Hill, Winston Salem N. C.
Jim Smithwick, Assoc. Training Union Director of S. C. from missionary in Surry Assoc., S. C.
Joseph J. Reese from Grandview French Broad Assoc. N. C.
Dean Bergen, Chaplain, La., Baptist Hospital, from Lover's Grove and Holoway, Liberty Assoc., N. C.
Thomas E. Lindley, First, Augusta, Ga. from Elliott, Church, Camden, Ark.
J. Glenn Flynt, Santa Maria, Calif., from First, Perkinston, Miss.

Fred H. Porter, Texas Ave., Houston, from Sunday School Sec. of Calif.
L. C. Pinnix, Lillington, M. C., from Assoc. Second, Shelby, N. C.

God cannot bless selfishness or lack of faith.

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Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

Divorced Christian

Question: Three years ago I joined a Baptist church. I know that my sins were all forgiven. The things I once enjoyed I no longer desire.

But here is my problem: I was married and divorced. This happened a number of years ago. But every time I hear a radio sermon or read the Bible, it seems that something comes up about divorce. I get scared half to death and wonder if God will hold my divorce against me. Do you think that my feeling is of the Devil? OR is the Lord punishing me?

Answer: I certainly do think that your feeling is of the Devil. Man, what kind of a God do you have? Would he forgive you and then ask you to dangle your skeletons before your eyes every day. You are making a great mistake. Remember Lot's wife. Burn your bridges behind you.

Your sin seems to be doubt. Yet, to be perfectly honest, I would judge that you cannot help it. Most people who are chronic worriers about past sins are depressed. are not you a pessimist? Don't you expect most people to reject you? Your depression is an emotional problem and needs to be treated as such.

Remember, brother. God has not changed. When he forgives, he forgets (Psalm 103:11-14, Hebrews 10:17.)

Address all questions to Dr. Hudson Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, has recently written a book entitled **THESE ISSUES WE MUST FACE**. Some of the issues discussed are the so-called social gospel, the curse of modernism, the preservation of the Word of God, the bones of Simon Peter, heartfelt religion, the virgin birth, the inspiration of the prophets, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Christ and this crucial hour, and Jesus' second coming. Each message is an effective defense of the Faith and a challenging propagation of that Faith. In the preface Dr. Criswell says, "Like a soldier at the battle front who throws at the enemy all the ammunition on which he can lay his hands, I have tried to get hold of everything I could to oppose the onslaughts of Satan. Wherever in a book, an article, a conversation, a poem, I could find anything to defend the truths of the Lord, I have used it with all my strength." Order for \$1.75 from the Baptist Book Store or from Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Baptists Deplore Reopening Of Vatican Envoy Issue

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—

Reopening of the issue of an American envoy to the Vatican was deplored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs at its annual board meeting here.

The committee referred to Undersecretary of State Walter Bedell Smith's recent personal endorsement of diplomatic representation at the Holy See in his statement to the House Appropriations Committee, and to newspaper columnist predictions that a personal envoy will soon be named by President Eisenhower.

The Baptist said they regretted "the injection of this controversial issue into the American scene precisely at a time when the American people are plagued by disunity and controversy, and when unity is a paramount and urgent necessity."

In another action, the committee opposed efforts to secure the issuance of special postage stamps in connection with purely sectarian events.

Dr. Edward B. Willingham, committee president, said this action was aimed at Roman Catholic proposals that the Post Office Protestant sources that a stamp be issued to honor the second assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Ill., in August.

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland (RNS)—Dame Dehra Parker, minister for Health and Local Government, rejected a demand by a newly-elected member of Parliament that she rescind the ban on hymn singing by Protestant evangelical choir groups in the wards of Belfast City Hospital. Belfast's Hospital Authority had imposed the ban after receiving a number of requests for such action from Roman Catholic patients in the institution. Dame Dehra also rejected a recommendation that denominational services be instituted for hospitals containing both Protestant and Catholic patients.

Warden Finds Religion Redeeming Prisoners

FORT MADISON, Ia. (RNS)—

The religious education program conducted at Iowa State Penitentiary here was described by Warden Percy A. Lainson as "the most potent rehabilitative force" in the prison.

"It is an intangible thing but religion seems to become infectious as the program proceeds," the warden said, "Religion seems to do something for the men that nothing else can accomplish. It gives them an 'uplift' and helps them through their difficulties, enables them to adjust to their life and more easily resolve their problems, their likes and dislikes."

"Strange as it may seem to persons 'on the outside,' a great many of the men never had any religious education before coming here and once they come in contact with it develop an actual hunger for its spiritual benefits."

Warden Lainson said that in his years at the prison he has known a great many men who got their first contact with religion within its walls and that in these cases "a great change immediately became apparent to them."

"I don't know the answer," he said, "and I doubt that anyone knows how God works within men, nor can I define the force or power that creates this feeling among our convicts. Yet it is here and we are certain that it will remain here because it is intangible and invisible but a power that cannot be denied."

The truth of this, Warden Lainson said, is evident from the fact that each Sunday morning "you see more and more men heading for the chapel service, attendance at which is entirely voluntary, and see and hear inmates encouraging and urging their fellow prisoners to go along and 'try it at last once.'"

McComb First Revival Leaders



Dr. Leo Eddleman (left above) will be the preacher and Dr. W. Hines Sims will lead the music for the revival to be held at McComb First Church April 4-11. Services will be at 7 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Dr. Eddleman, a native of Mississippi and graduate of Mississippi College, is professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Sims is secretary of the Department of Church Music, Sunday School Board, Nashville. Dr. Wyatt Hunter is the pastor.